

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Columbia, South Carolina

December 12, 2001

The State Board of Education held its December meeting at ten o'clock, Wednesday morning, December 12, 2001, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. Greg Killian, Chair; Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair-Elect; Mr. Carlos A. Cervantes; Mrs. Queen A. Davis; Mr. Clarence Dickert; Mr. Thomas C. Ewart, Sr.; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Dr. Mary E. Jones; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Frances P. Lewis; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. James C. McRae; Mr. James Mattos' Mrs. Gail Moss; Mr. Robert E. Scarborough; Mr. Chris Verenes; and Mr. Jim White. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education.

INVOCATION

The Saluda River Elementary School Singers led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and sang holiday songs prior to the December 12, 2001, meeting of the State Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2001

Mrs. Queen Davis moved for the approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2001, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Mattos and then approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Mrs. Frances Lewis moved for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and approved by the Board.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Killian welcomed the visitors present and Mr. Rob Harper, Office of Public Information introduced Bill Robinson, *The State*.

SELECTION OF THE CENTRAL TEXTBOOK DEPOSITORY

Mrs. Davis moved that the State Board of Education approve the selection of R. L. Bryan and Company as the Central Textbook Depository. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Scarborough and approved by the Board.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

RECOGNITION OF 2001 PALMETTO'S FINEST SCHOOLS

State Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized the 2001 Palmetto's Finest Schools: North Springs Elementary School, Richland School District Two; James M. Brown Elementary School, Oconee School District; Northwestern High School, Rock Hill School District Three; and JET Middle School, Edgefield School District. Superintendent Tenenbaum and the respective Board members presented representatives from each school with an engraved obelisk for their accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized Dr. Sharon Buddin, Principal, Ridge View High School, Richland School District Two. Dr. Buddin was named the 2002 National High School Principal of the Year. Superintendent Tenenbaum and Board member, Dr. Mary Jones, presented Dr. Buddin with an engraved obelisk for her achievement.

RECOGNITION OF WHITE KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized Dr. Nancy Turner, Principal, White Knoll Middle School, Lexington School District One. Dr. Turner had the idea to raise money to purchase a new fire engine for New York City to replace one lost on September 11, 2001. The students from White Knoll Middle School, along with other schools and businesses, made this a reality. Dr. Turner introduced four students from White Knoll Middle School who were in the Thanksgiving Day parade and on television interviews, Maurice Hallman, Thomas Dunn, Stacy Smith, and Leigh Tyson. They were given a standing ovation.

Mr. Clarence Dickert stated that these students are his heroes.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were two public speakers for this meeting, as follows:

1. Delorise Childs, Elementary Instructional Materials Review Panel—Ms. Childs spoke regarding the recommendations of instructional materials for mathematics.
2. Susan Hall, Middle Instructional Materials Review Panel—Ms. Hall spoke regarding the recommendations of instructional materials for mathematics.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Maguire moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and approved by the Board. The following items were approved by the Board without further debate:

56-06. Identification of Critical Need Areas for 2002-03 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-07. Identification of Critical Need Geographic Districts for 2002-03 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-08. Proposed Guidelines for Granting Experience Credit (Second Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-09. South Carolina Definition of "Low Performing" and "At-Risk" Institutions (Second Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

55-03. Approval of Recommendations from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee for the 2002 Adoption Cycle

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

55-04. Adoption of Instructional Materials Report from the 2001 Instructional Materials Review Panels

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

55-05. Competitive Grant for the Modified School-Year or School-Day Schedule (Second Reading)

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

52-03. Proposed Permanent Withdrawal of 24 S. C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-300 (1990), Accreditation Criteria

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Marion B. Lee, Chair
Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee

Mrs. Frances Lewis, Chair
Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee

Mr. James G. Mattos, Chair
Finance and Legislative Committee

Mrs. Queen A. Davis, Chair
Educational Policy Committee

56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee—Mr. Marion B. Lee reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (TRTC) met on Tuesday, December 11, 2001.

01. Approval of Agenda for December 11, 2001—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the December 11, 2001, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2001, TRTC Committee Meeting—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the November 13, 2001, meeting were approved.

03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview—Mr. Lee reported that Dr. Janice Poda, Senior Director, Division of Teacher Quality, gave a brief overview of the items that were presented to the TRTC Committee.

04. Designation of Poverty Index and Free and Reduced Lunch List to Identify Additional Geographic Critical Need Schools not included on the Perkins Loan List for 2002-03 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Corporation Cancellation Program—Mr. Lee reported that each year some schools do not qualify for the geographic critical need list based on the Perkins Loan list. To assure equity, a secondary list must be used to identify all the schools that should be on the loan cancellation list. The Poverty Index and Free and Reduced Lunch list is used to provide information for the School Report Card; therefore, the use of the same list is consistent with the State Department of Education's use of data.

On behalf of the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee, Mr. Lee moved that the State Board of Education accept the recommended approval that the high schools in the shaded areas be designated as critical for the purposes of the Teacher Loan Cancellation Program.

Chair-Elect White expressed his concern that there are now almost ninety percent of the schools on the list and it is moving away from being an incentive for teachers. He stated that unless this is limited, it should be called a loan cancellation program instead of an incentive program.

Mr. Carlos Cervantes stated that the objective should be to provide teachers in schools where teachers do not want to teach. He stated that he hopes the Department will take action regarding this. If not, the program needs to be renamed.

The motion was approved with six opposing votes by Chair-Elect White, Mrs. Maguire, Mr. Cervantes, Mr. Jim White, Mr. John Hostetler, and Mr. Lee.

05. Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2002-03 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Corporation Cancellation Program—Mr. Lee reported that the State Board of Education is required to designate annually the critical need subject areas relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program. Once approved, the information is widely distributed to school districts, teachers, colleges, universities, and other educational entities.

On behalf of the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee, Mr. Lee moved that the State Board of Education accept the recommended approval that these subject areas be designated as critical for purposes of the Teacher Loan Cancellation Program.

Mr. Hostetler stated that when all the schools and subject areas are put together, the program becomes just a loan cancellation program and not a teacher incentive program, and this may cause problems for those areas that are really in need. Mr. Hostetler also expressed his concern that with the financial difficulties the State is facing, the money may not last.

The motion carried with three opposing votes by Mr. Hostetler, Mrs. Maguire, and Mr. Cervantes.

Mr. Mattos asked if the program could be looked into further. Chair Killian asked the Department to provide additional information to the Finance and Legislative Committee regarding who plays what role in the process and to come up with recommendations. Mr. Mattos suggested that if necessary, the legislators be contacted.

Mr. Lee reported that the action items 56-06, 56-07, 56-08, and 56-09, considered at this meeting were placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Lee reported that the following item was presented for information:

- **Annual Report for the South Carolina Teachers Loan Program**

55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee—Mrs. Frances Lewis reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, December 11, 2001.

01. Approval of Agenda for December 11, 2001—Mrs. Lewis reported that the agenda for December 11, 2001, was approved with Item 55-03 moved to an information item.

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02. Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2001—Mrs. Lewis reported that the minutes of the November 13, 2001, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Mrs. Lewis reported that items 55-03, 55-04, and 55-05 were placed on the consent agenda.

54. Finance and Legislative Committee—Mr. James Mattos reported that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, December 11, 2001.

01. Approval of Agenda for December 11, 2001—Mr. Mattos reported that the agenda for the December 11, 2001, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2001—Mr. Mattos reported that the minutes of the November 13, 2001, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Mattos reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**

52. Educational Policy Committee—Chair-Elect White reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Tuesday, December 11, 2001.

01. Approval of Agenda for December 11, 2001—Chair-Elect White reported that the agenda for the December 11, 2001, meeting was approved as presented.

02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of November 13, 2001—Chair-Elect White reported that the minutes for the November 13, 2001, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

Chair-Elect White reported that item 52-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

Other Business

Chair-Elect White reported that Dale Stuckey, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented South Carolina statutes and State Board of Education regulations relating to school discipline as an information item.

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**REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING AND TEACHER
LICENSURE ISSUES OF DECEMBER 11, 2001**

Chair-Elect White gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning the public hearings and teacher certification issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, December 11, 2001.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. James McRae moved for the approval of the minutes of the December 11, 2001, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lewis and approved by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Maguire suggested that public comments be allowed at committee meetings. Chair Killian stated that having public comments during the committee meetings is a valid concept and he will look at formalizing the process. Mr. White stated that he did not feel that the comments should be limited to five minutes because some may want to make a presentation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2002

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Lewis moved that Mr. Greg Killian be elected as Chair-Elect for 2002. Chair-Elect White asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Mr. Scarborough moved to close the nominations. Mr. McRae seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lee moved that the Board adjourn. Mrs. Maguire seconded the motion. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Chair

Secretary

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